

August 14, 2020

Dr. Kondo Gnanvo
University of Virginia
Project: eRD6

Dear Kondo,

I am writing in response to your progress report and proposal for EIC Detector R&D funds entitled “*eRD6, Proposal for detector R&D towards an EIC detector (Tracking Consortium)*”, presented by you and Silvia Dalla Torre at the July 2020 remote meeting of the Detector R&D Advisory Committee.

The Committee had an exceptionally difficult task given the large number of proposals and funding requests that exceeded the available funds substantially. I am extremely grateful for their hard work and diligence in preparing this report. They submitted their report and the referring recommendations earlier and you should have received a copy of it. If not please download it at: https://wiki.bnl.gov/conferences/images/5/53/EIC_Review_2020_July.pdf

The report on eRD6 starts on page 7, the priorities assigned by the Committee can be found on page 29. In accordance with the Committee’s priorities and recommendations the following funds are awarded to eRD6 for FY21:

MPGD-RICH	Medium	\$22,100
μRWell	Medium	\$79,400
TPC Readouts	Medium	\$35,300
High Pressure Rich	Low	\$0
Micromegas	High	\$8,000
Forward Tracker	High	\$3,490
Total:		\$148,290

As always, the funding will be transmitted via one or more R&D subcontracts with BNL. Please be in touch with Liz Mogavero (mogavero@bnl.gov) and provide her with the list of institutions to which funds are to be directed, the amounts for each, and a business contact for each institution with whom we can initiate the necessary documentation. Also note that each institution, as always, has to submit a Statement-of-Work (SOW). If the group plans to use their funds for domestic travel, please make sure this is mentioned in the SOW.

Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, international travel is more complicated. As stated in the report of the Committee, international travel will be handled separately through me. If you intend to travel internationally, you need to request this in a formal email to me at least 60 days before the trip. I have reserved a small amount of funds for that. However, as the R&D program has to adhere to DOE/BNL regulations and the agency does not allow international travel at this time, it is unlikely that we can grant any requests at least until early 2021.

Thanks very much for your continued interest in the EIC detector R&D program, and for your participation in the Advisory Committee meeting. It is expected that the Committee will meet again in about six months, around January, to review progress on the projects that are now on-going. It is requested that each funded project provide a progress report at that time.

With best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ullrich', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Thomas Ullrich
EIC Detector R&D Program Coordinator

cc: L. Mogavero